

REMARKS

Applicant has provisionally elected, with traverse, Group I claims 1-20, which are drawn to a method of embossing expanded graphite sheet material (classified in class 264, subclass 102) for prosecution on the merits of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue unelected Group II claims 21-64 (drawn to, which are drawn to an apparatus for embossing sheet material (classified in class 425, subclass 385), in separate continuing application(s) filed during the pendency of the present application.

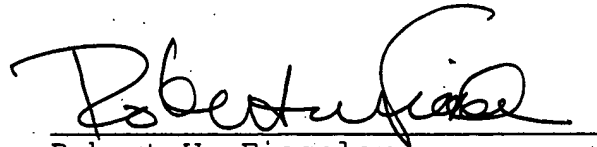
The basis of the applicant's traversal of the above provisional election of Group I claims 1-20 is that Group II 21-64 apparatus claims are sufficiently related in technical subject matter to the Group I method claims that the Group II apparatus claims could be readily searched and examined together with the elected Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8123 if any unresolved matters remain concerning the present restriction requirement.

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Respectfully submitted,



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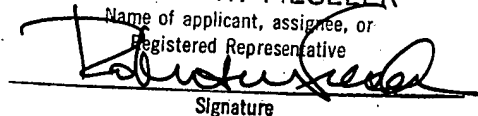
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